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Subject: 2007 – 2008 ALASKA HANDBOOK REVISIONS NOTICE
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The following list of changes and revisions to the Alaska Special Education Handbook took place during the 2009-2010 school year. All revisions noted here have been made to the most current on line version of the Alaska Special Education Handbook, September 2007.

Revision and changes become necessary to reflect corrections, changes, revisions, additions or deletions in state or federal regulation. This REVISIONS NOTICE is intended to keep all interested parties up to date on changes that do occur to special education policies and procedures.

The following format is presented to highlight the changes

- **The “Part” and “Section” that was corrected, changed, added, deleted or otherwise revised**
 - Location by page number in Handbook
 - A brief description of the change that was made
 - Date of change

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➤ **Part III – Evaluation & Eligibility**

Section 8- Eligibility Criteria for Disability Categories

- Pg. III:15

 **Changed: 7. Specific Learning Disability, Para. A:II**

... hearing disability, ~~mental retardation~~ cognitive impairment;
emotional disturbance...

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➤ **Part III – Evaluation & Eligibility**

Section 8- Eligibility Criteria for Disability Categories

- Pg. III:16

 **Changed: 8. Mental Retardation**

8. ~~Mental Retardation~~ Cognitive Impairment

...as a child with ~~mental retardation~~ a cognitive impairment, a
child...

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➤ **Part III – Evaluation & Eligibility**

Section 8- Eligibility Criteria for Disability Categories

- Pg. III:17

 **Changed: 9. Multiple Disabilities**

Note: The term... a child with ~~mental retardation~~ a
cognitive impairment who receives speech...

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Part XII – State Performance Plan/ Annual Performance Report

Section 2 – Explanation of the Twenty Required Indicators

- Pg. XII:5

 **Changed : Indicator 10 ...Specific Learning Disability, ~~Mental Retardation~~ Cognitive Impairment, Multiple Disabilities**

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➤ **Appendix D – IEP & Placement**

Section 1- Instructions for Completing IEP

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 **Changed: V- Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance**


Note: * Labels such as ~~mental retardation~~ *cognitively impaired* or deafness ...

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➤ **Glossary of Commonly Used Terms**

Section 1- Definitions

- Pg. Glossary:1


 **Changed: Adaptations-** ...required component of the ~~mental retardation~~ *cognitive impairment* eligibility category.

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➤ **Glossary of Commonly Used Terms**

Section 1- Definitions

- Pg. Glossary:3

 **Changed:** Child with a disability ...autism, deaf-blindness, ~~mental retardation~~ *cognitive impairment*, hearing impairments (including deafness)...

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